

Minutes approved March 5, 2015

Town Meeting Coordinating Committee
Minutes for January 6, 2015, 3:00 – 5:00 pm
Town Room, Town Hall

Present: Peggy Roberts, Nonny Burack, Patricia Holland, Mary Streeter, Alan Powell

Absent: Melissa Perot, TracyLee Boutilier

Peggy called the meeting to order at 3:15 PM.

1. **Budget Forum:** Nonny reported that Gerry Weiss can be part of the Budget Forum. He wants to know what to talk about. Pat said she would contact him. Alan showed us his draft of a new clear chart for Amherst's budget process, and Peggy will show it to Sandy Pooler. At our Forum, Peggy will introduce Sandy Pooler, Kay Moran, Sean Mangano, and Gerry Weiss. As to publicity, we need to get the event on the Select Board's agenda, a slide to Amherst Media, and a press release to local papers and organizations. Pat will do this with help from Peggy. We agreed each speaker would have 20 minutes and a 10 minute question period, with less speaking time for Gerry. Handouts will include an agenda plus other handouts from the speakers.
2. **Town Meeting Candidate Deadline:** Nonny will send out notices to TM members whose terms are expiring and to the press about the deadline for signing up to be a candidate for TM.
3. **Reply to Select Board:** Peggy has drafted it.
4. **Town Website and TMCC Listserv:** The Town has a new website, and Mary will take care of reminders to the TMCC listserv.
5. **Topics not anticipated 48 hours before the meeting:** As to electronic voting, we recommend having a demonstration at the Fall 2015 TM and asking for an article for the Annual TM in 2016. Alan will consider being the TMCC representative to the electronic voting committee.
6. **Minutes:** We approved the minutes of Dec. 19, 2014 as amended.
7. **Next Meeting:** The next meeting will be January 22, 2015 at 3:00 PM.

The meeting adjourned at 4:55 PM.

Submitted by Patricia Holland, Clerk.

Documents Distributed:

Agenda

Email to TMCC from Jim Pistrang, 1/3/15, on electronic voting

Notes on Jim Pistrang's report on electronic voting to the Select Board, 1/5/15

Copy of the Committee Charge for the Amherst Town Meeting Electronic Voting Committee

Draft Minutes of Dec. 19, 2014 meeting

Alan's draft of chart showing Amherst's budget process